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Interim Director of Public Works

STORM REPORT-JANUARY 3, 2005

The storm that began on Sunday evening at 6 p.m. has produced moderate to heavy rainfall throughout the Los Angeles Basin, San Gabriel Mountains, the Santa Clarita area, the San Fernando Valley, and the Antelope Valley causing severe flooding at various locations.

As of noon today, the storm has produced total precipitation amounts of 1.12 inches in Downtown Los Angeles, 1.68 inches in the San Gabriel Mountains, 1.00 inch in the San Gabriel Valley, 2.72 inches in the Santa Clarita area, 1.29 inches in the San Fernando Valley, 2.20 inches in Malibu, and 0.24 inch in the Antelope Valley area. For your information, the season total rainfall in the Civic Center is 314 percent of normal to date. We received about 98 percent of the normal average rainfall for the entire year already.

Our road crews continue to remove mud, debris, fallen trees, and rock slides from County roads and clear blocked culverts. There are 12 reported County road closures, which are identified on the attached copy of the Road Closure Report. The Angeles Forest Highway was reopened on December 31, 2004, and remained open during this storm.

Flood Maintenance crews placed riprap at the beach outlet of storm drain Project No. 248 (Montana Avenue) in the City of Santa Monica. This portion had washed out during last week's storm event. Flood Maintenance crews will be recontouring the sand on the beach today to protect the adjacent apartment building and will continue to monitor the situation until permanent repairs can be made. Big Tujunga Dam and Morris Dam remain at near capacity levels. The Devil's Gate Reservoir is at capacity and spilling flow.

Palos Verdes Drive East between Palos Verdes Drive North and Pacific Coast Highway is closed due to a collapsed drain, which occurred on December 30, 2004. Flood Maintenance crews attempted to remove the damaged portion, at the request of Road Maintenance, and discovered that the entire pipe may need to be replaced. The inlet was sandbagged for this storm, and water is currently being pumped out by Flood Maintenance crews. The drain is not maintained by the Flood Control District.

As the result of a failure to a corrugated metal storm drain pipe within the City of Rancho Palos Verdes, a sinkhole developed within Western Avenue at Westmont Drive. Western Avenue has been closed at this location. The City is coordinating emergency repairs to protect two sewer lines and reopen the road at this location. Public Works has contacted the City and offered to provide assistance, if needed.

In the South Whittier area, the 15 to 20 trees, which dropped branches onto parked cars and homes from last week's storm event, have been removed. No additional damage was reported from this storm. However, Road Maintenance identified an additional 15 to 20 trees which may need to be removed or trimmed to prevent the possibility of future similar occurrences.

In the Antelope Valley, 50th Street West and Avenue N remain closed due to mud and debris from a construction site, which washed onto the surrounding streets. The cleanup efforts are ongoing and will take several days to complete due to the continued storm events.

All pumps are operating at the Manhattan Beach Pump Station, which was overwhelmed with flows from the previous storm event. As a result of this storm, the adjacent park remains flooded, and flooding on the local streets did not occur.

Building and Safety reports no damages as a result of this storm.

On Friday, December 31, 2004, mudflows impacted the Polynesian Mobile Home Park and a church in the City of Santa Clarita. Mudflows in Newhall Creek toppled a garden wall that separated the mobile home park from the Creek. Mudflows entered the park and deposited sediment on the private streets and around the homes up to a depth of two feet. No sediment actually got into the mobile homes. On the opposite bank, the mudflows went over the creek's bank and impacted the church. Sediment reaching a depth of two feet was deposited around the structure. Even though no sediment entered the church, all rooms in the church were flooded. County Fire and Public Works coordinated activities to improve and restore access into and through the park, sandbagged the opening created by the toppled wall, and placed K-rails and sandbags to divert mudflows away from the church.

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The current weather forecast predicts continued showers and possible thunderstorms through early Tuesday.

We will update you again when we have new information.

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cc: Chief Administrative Office
Executive Office

LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
ROAD CLOSURE REPORT FOR STORM BEGINNING: 12/28/2004
List of All Closed or Reopened Streets and Highways from 12/28/2004 to 01/03/2005

LOCATION	ROAD CLOSURE			ROAD OPENING		
	RD	HWY	IG	Reported by	Date/Time	Alert
RC - CHAIN CONTROLS 4500+	558	LOC	4561F4	ASHTON, THOMAS	01/03/2005 8:10:00AM	
Notes: CHAIN CONTROLS 4500+, ROAD DIVISION 558						
Comments: -----CLOSED-----						2087771
Palos Verdes Drive East @ Bridlewood circle	RHE	MAJ	0793H6	MICKEY, ROBERT	01/03/2005 5:00:00AM	
Notes: Road is close do to drain collapse						
Comments: -----CLOSED-----						2087604
RC - CHAIN CONTROLS 5000+	557	MAJ	4646D2	CARPENTER, CRAI	01/03/2005 3:45:00AM	
Notes: CHAIN CONTROLS 5000+, ROAD DIVISION 557						
Comments: -----CLOSED-----						2087699
RC - AVENUE K - 45TH STREET WEST / 40TH STREET WEST	551	MAJ	4104J2	MAHONEY, JIM	12/30/2004 4:00:00PM	FLOODED
Notes: ROAD CLOSED DUE TO FLOODING						
Comments: -----REMAINS CLOSED----						2087331
RC - 110TH ST EAST - AVENUE L / AVENUE K	555	SEC	4108D2	COX, WHITNEY W	12/29/2004 10:00:00AM	
Notes: CLOSED DUE TO FLOODING						
Comments: -----REMAINS CLOSED----						2086643
RC - MT WILSON-RED BOX RD - VIDEO RD ANGELES CREST HY	559	LOC	0506H7	SMITH, CLINTON	12/29/2004 2:00:00AM	STRMDAMG
Notes: ROAD CLOSURE DUE TO SNOW AND SLIDES						
Comments: -----REMAINS CLOSED----						2084089
RC - AVENUE I - 90TH STREET EAST / 120TH STREET EAST	555	SEC	4017J4	COX, WHITNEY W	12/28/2004 8:45:00PM	
Notes: ROAD CLOSED DUE TO FLOODING						
Comments: -----REMAINS CLOSED----						2084323
RC - 110TH ST EAST - AVENUE K / AVENUE H	555	SEC	4108D1	COX, WHITNEY W	12/28/2004 8:35:00PM	
Notes: CLOSED DUE TO FLOODING						
Comments: -----REMAINS CLOSED----						2084475
RC - 120TH ST EAST - AVENUE I / AVENUE H	555	LOC	4018F4	COX, WHITNEY W	12/28/2004 8:20:00PM	
Notes: ROAD CLOSED DUE TO FLOODING						
Comments: -----REMAINS CLOSED----						2084488
RC - AVENUE N - 1320 W 50TH ST WEST / 50TH ST WEST	551	MAJ	4194G1	FAULK, J T	12/28/2004 10:00:00AM	
Notes: ROAD CLOSURE DUE TO CONSTRUCTION AND FLOODING. CLOSED BY MUIRFIELD CO						
Comments: -----REMAINS CLOSED----						2085837
RC - ARRASTRE CANYON RD - CROWN VALLEY RD / DETENTION CTR	557	LOC	4465A5	GRIMES, TERRY H	12/28/2004 9:28:00AM	
Notes: CLOSED DUE TO FLOODING						
Comments: -----REMAINS CLOSED----						2082971
RC - AVENUE K - 60TH STREET WEST / 50TH STREET WEST	551	MAJ	4104G2	MAHONEY, JIM	12/28/2004 8:30:00AM	
Notes: ROAD CLOSED DUE TO FLOODING						
Comments: -----REMAINS CLOSED----						2086634
MALIBU CYN - 1 1/2 MILE S/OF TUNNEL - ROCK SLIDE - ROAD CLOSED	336	MAJ	0628H3	SANCHEZ, MARK L	01/03/2005 4:57:00AM	SANCHEZ, MARK L 01/03/2005 9:50:00AM
Notes: ROAD CLOSED						
Comments: -----RE-OPENED-----						2087542

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RC - BIG TUJUNGA CANYON RD - 5280 W MM 01.00 / ANGELES FOREST HY	557	SEC	4724D4	CARPENTER, CRAI	01/01/2005 1:00:00PM	CARPENTER, CRA 01/01/2005 5:30:00PM STRMDAMG
Notes: CLOSURE DUE TO ROCK SLIDE						
Comments: -----RE-OPENED-----						2087682
RC - SAND CANYON RD - GOLDCREEK RD / PLACERITA CANYON RD	553	LIM	4842E1	TONG, GLENN S	12/30/2004 8:00:00PM	MOORE JR, EARN 12/31/2004 12:00:00PM LANDSLIDE
Notes: ROAD CLOSED DUE TO ROCKSLIDE. REQUESTED BY CHP.						
Comments: -----RE-OPENED-----						2087353
RC - AVENUE Q - 100TH STREET EAST / 110TH STREET EAST	555	LOC	4198B6	BROWN JR, DALE	12/30/2004 4:00:00PM	HOYLE, DAVID A 01/01/2005 4:00:00PM
Notes: ROAD CLOSED DUE TO FLOODING						
Comments: -----RE-OPENED-----						2087753
RC - CHAIN CONTROLS 5000+	558	LOC	4561F4	ASHTON, THOMAS	12/30/2004 3:40:00PM	DUNLOP, LARRY A 01/03/2005 8:09:00AM
Notes: CHAIN CONTROLS 5000+						
Comments: -----RE-OPENED-----						2087325
RC - BIG PINES HIGHWAY - LARGO VISTA RD / HIGHWAY 2	558	LIM	4560F2	BEGINES, DONALD	12/29/2004 10:02:00PM	DUNLOP, LARRY A 01/03/2005 5:28:00AM STRMDAMG
Notes: ROAD CLOSED DUE TO SNOW AND ICE						
Comments: -----RE-OPENED-----						2086668
RC - AVENUE F - 20TH STREET WEST / SIERRA HWY	551	MAJ	3925E6	LOZANO, RAMON	12/29/2004 10:00:00PM	MAHONEY, JIM 12/30/2004 11:38:00AM
Notes: ROAD CLOSED DUE TO FLOODING						
Comments: -----RE-OPENED-----						2086920
RC - PALMDALE BL - 70TH ST EAST / 90TH ST EAST	558	MAJ	4197F7	DUNLOP, LARRY A	12/29/2004 4:00:00PM	DUNLOP, LARRY A 12/30/2004 7:00:00AM FLOODED
Notes: CLOSURE DUE TO LITTLEROCK WASH FLOODING OVER ROADWAY						
Comments: -----RE-OPENED-----						2086645
RC - MT EMMA RD - CHESEBORO RD / FORT TEJON RD	558	SEC	4377J3	ASHTON, THOMAS	12/29/2004 2:00:00PM	DUNLOP, LARRY A 12/30/2004 9:30:00AM FLOODED
Notes: ROAD CLOSED DUE TO FLOODING						
Comments: -----RE-OPENED-----						2086233
RC - BIG PINES HIGHWAY - BIG ROCK CREEK RD / HIGHWAY 2	558	LIM	4469G6	BEGINES, DONALD	12/29/2004 2:00:00PM	DUNLOP, LARRY A 12/29/2004 10:02:00PM
Notes: ROAD CLOSED DUE TO SNOW AND ICE						
Comments: -----RE-OPENED-----						2086226
RC - LARGO VISTA - BIG PINES HIGHWAY / HIGHWAY 138 (PEARBLOSSOM HWY)	558	LIM	4560E2	BEGINES, DONALD	12/29/2004 1:00:00PM	DUNLOP, LARRY A 12/29/2004 10:00:00PM
Notes: ROAD CLOSED DUE TO SNOW AND ICE						
Comments: -----RE-OPENED-----						2086237
RC - CARSON MESA RD - EL SASTRE RD / VINCENT VIEW RD	557	LOC	4465E1	CARPENTER, CRAI	12/29/2004 12:00:00PM	CARPENTER, CRA 01/01/2005 4:00:00PM
Notes: ROAD CLOSURE DUE TO LOCALIZED FLOODING AND WASHED OUT						
Comments: -----RE-OPENED-----						2086648
RC - FRONTIER CIRCUS ST - AVENUE P-8 / STAGECOACH AV	555	LOC	4199G6	COX, WHITNEY W	12/29/2004 9:30:00AM	HOYLE, DAVID A 12/30/2004 6:00:00PM
Notes: ROAD CLOSED DUE TO FLOODING						
Comments: -----RE-OPENED-----						2085792
RC - BIG TUJUNGA CANYON RD - 5280 W MM 01.00 / ANGELES FOREST HY	557	SEC	4724D4	CARPENTER, CRAI	12/29/2004 7:30:00AM	CARPENTER, CRA 12/31/2004 3:30:00PM STRMDAMG

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Notes: CLOSURE DUE TO ROCK SLIDE				
Comments: -----RE-OPENED-----				2084648
RC - AVENUE K - 45TH STREET WEST / 42ND STREET WEST	551	MAJ 4104J2	MAHONEY, JIM	12/29/2004 6:30:00AM
Notes: ROAD CLOSED DUE TO FLOODING.				
Comments: -----RE-OPENED-----				2086638
RC - 140TH STREET EAST - PALMDALE BOULEVARD / AVENUE Q	555	LOC 4199B7	COX, WHITNEY W	12/29/2004 6:20:00AM
Notes: ROAD CLOSED DUE TO FLOODING				
Comments: -----RE-OPENED-----				2084449
RC - AVENUE Q - 130TH STREET EAST / 145TH STREET EAST	555	LOC 4198G6	COX, WHITNEY W	12/29/2004 6:20:00AM
Notes: ROAD CLOSED DUE TO FLOODING				
Comments: -----RE-OPENED-----				2084391
RC - AVENUE M - 50TH ST WEST / QUARTZ HILL RD	551	MAJ 4104H6	MAHONEY, JIM	12/29/2004 6:00:00AM
Notes: ROAD CLOSURE DUE TO FLOODING				
Comments: -----RE-OPENED-----				2084441
RC - UPPER BIG TUJUNGA CANYON RD - ANGELES FOREST HY / ANGELES CREST HY (HWY 2)	557	LOC 4646B7	CARPENTER, CRAI	12/29/2004 3:30:00AM
Notes: ROAD CLOSED DUE TO SNOW				
Comments: -----RE-OPENED-----				2087689
RC - ANGELES FOREST HY - ANGELES CREST HY (HWY 2) / ALISO CANYON RD	557	MAJ 0505G1	CARPENTER, CRAI	12/29/2004 3:30:00AM
Notes: ROAD CLOSED DUE TO SLIDES				
Comments: -----RE-OPENED-----				2085033
RC - AVENUE L - 70TH STREET WEST / 50TH STREET WEST	551	MAJ 4104G4	MAHONEY, JIM	12/29/2004 1:34:00AM
Notes: ROAD CLOSED DUE TO FLOODING BY CITY OF LANCASTER				
Comments: -----RE-OPENED-----				2086639
RC EAST FORK RD- FROM HWY 39 TO GLENDORA MTN RD.- DUE TO SLIDE	518	LIM 0510F6	SMITH, MICHAEL B	12/28/2004 11:00:00PM
Notes: ROAD CLOSED DUE TO SLIDE				
Comments: -----RE-OPENED-----				2084240
RC - MOUNT WILSON-RED BOX RD - VIDEO RD / ANGELES CREST HY - CHAIN CONTROL	559	LOC 0506H7	TIERNAN, WILLIAM	12/28/2004 8:00:00PM
Notes: CHAIN CONTROL DUE TO SNOW AND ICE				
Comments: -----RE-OPENED-----				2084489
RC - COUNTRY WY - CROWN VALLEY RD / CALMGARDEN RD	557	LOC 4465C4	GRIMES, TERRY H	12/28/2004 9:25:00AM
Notes: CLOSED DUE TO FLOODING				
Comments: -----RE-OPENED-----				2082969
RC - 40TH ST EAST - 1320 S AVENUE P 08 / AVENUE N	557	LOC 4196H6	CARPENTER, CRAI	12/28/2004 8:20:00AM
Notes: CLOSURE DUE TO FLOODING CLOSED IN CONJUNCTION W/ COP				
Comments: -----RE-OPENED-----				2084350
RC - AVENUE N - 2640 W 50TH ST EAST / 50TH ST EAST	557	LOC 4106J7	CARPENTER, CRAI	12/28/2004 8:20:00AM
Notes: CLOSURE DUE TO FLOODING CLOSED IN CONJUNCTION W/ COP				
Comments: -----RE-OPENED-----				2084403

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